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TO INVESTIGATE OIL LAND TANGLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—A special committee has been appointed by the senate lands committee to investigate and if possible straighten the tangle over the California oil lands. Senator Phelan of California is a member of the special committee. The officials of the navy department are bitterly opposed to the amendment to the bill recently proposed, which Senator Phelan has introduced.

IN WAR ARENA

**FRENCH PREMIER WARNS
PEOPLE OF GERMAN PROPOSAL**
PARIS, France, Dec. 14.—Premier Briand, new head of the French reorganized ministry, in an address before the chamber of deputies yesterday afternoon, uttered what he declared is a "solemn warning to the people of France" to beware of the German peace proposals.

"When a country such as Germany spends years and care and forethought in arming itself to the teeth, when it seizes upon every where as food for its armies, and when it violates the laws of God and of mankind by the enslavement of nations, the leaders of the countries menaced by such a nation would be worse than guilty if they did not cry aloud 'beware' at such a proposal as the German chancellor has made."

"The faint hearted among us and among the neutral nations which are our friends are alarmed, but I tell you that nowhere have the successes of the Germans been decisive. They have overridden some small countries and they have invaded others, but their turn is yet to come."

"The Rumanians are their last victims but the Rumanians will return to the fight stronger and better able to meet the attacks of the foe, and aided by the strength of Russia will drive the invaders from their country."

**JAPANESE PRESS SAYS
PROPOSALS MERE BLIND**
TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 14.—Viscount I. Motono, minister of foreign affairs, refused to discuss the chancellor's peace proposals, yesterday, declaring that he is not authorized to discuss such questions until he receives formal notification of the proposal from the neutral governments.

Japanese papers declare that the peace proposals are unreasonable, and say that they are but a blind on the part of the German and Austrian governments. Some papers say that German colonies in the South Sea which have been taken by Japan can never be returned to Germany.

**ALLIES TO DICTATE TERMS,
SAYS DEVONSHIRE**
MONTREAL, Canada, Dec. 14.—The Duke of Devonshire, the new governor-general of Canada, declared in a statement yesterday that Canada need never fear the British acceptance of any terms of peace that are not dictated by the Entente Allies.

"The Allies will never sheath the sword until they have gained a peace of their own making and of their own choosing," he said.

**TEUTONS HOLD BRITISH
CAPTAIN CAPTIVE**
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 14.—It was announced yesterday that Capt. James Blakie, commanding the Caledonia, recently sunk by a German submarine, has been taken prisoner, as he attempted to ram the underwater craft when attacked.

**DYNAMITER CLAIMS PAID
BY TEUTON ATTACKS**
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Testimony that he was paid by attacks of the local German consulate for his part in the alleged bomb plots to destroy munition ships and factories was given yesterday in court by Louis J. Smith at the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general at San Francisco, and associates, indicted on charges of conspiracy.

Smith is the government's star witness and is co-defendant with Consul Bopp, E. H. von Schnack, vice-consul; Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, consular attaché; C. C. Crowley, detective employed by the consulate, and Mrs. Margaret B. Cornell, Crowley's secretary.

Smith testified yesterday that Baron von Brincken paid him \$1254.80 in San Francisco in July, 1915. Previously Smith testified as to how he had been sent by Crowley to blow up the British steamer Talthybius on May 25, 1915.

**NEAR SEA TRAGEDY OFF
VIRGINIA COAST; MANY
INJURED IN COLLISION**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 14.—Crashing into an unidentified steamer, the coast passenger liner Powhattan was run aground near Thimble Shoals light last night to prevent sinking. Forty-six passengers and members of the crew were injured in the collision. Her passengers and the injured members of her crew were taken off by the liner Jamestown.

**TWENTY MINERS KILLED
IN GAS EXPLOSION**

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
PITTSBURGH, Kansas, Dec. 14.—Twenty miners were killed and 39 trapped when the entrance to a mine near here caved in following an explosion of coal gas. Rescue parties are at work in an effort to save the entombed workers.

U. S. POPULATION OVER 113,309,000

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Population estimates of each of the United States for January 1, 1917, as determined by the Bureau of the Census which based its calculations upon the increase as shown by the federal censuses of 1900 and 1910, have just been announced as follows:

Continental United States	102,826,209
Alabama	2,348,273
Arizona	259,456
Arkansas	1,759,833
California	2,982,847
Colorado	975,190
Connecticut	1,254,926
Delaware	214,270
District of Columbia	366,631
Florida	904,839
Georgia	2,875,953
Idaho	436,881
Illinois	6,193,626
Indiana	2,826,154
Iowa	2,224,771
Kansas	1,840,707
Kentucky	2,388,866
Louisiana	1,843,042
Maine	774,914
Maryland	1,368,240
Massachusetts	3,747,550
Michigan	3,074,590
Minnesota	2,290,024
Mississippi	1,964,122
Missouri	3,420,143
Montana	466,214
Nebraska	1,277,750
Nevada	108,736
New Hampshire	443,487
New Jersey	2,981,105
New Mexico	416,966
New York	10,366,778
North Carolina	2,418,559
North Dakota	752,260
Ohio	5,181,220
Oklahoma	2,245,968
Oregon	848,866
Pennsylvania	8,591,029
Rhode Island	620,090
South Carolina	1,634,340
South Dakota	707,740
Tennessee	2,296,316
Texas	4,472,494
Utah	438,974
Vermont	364,322
Virginia	2,202,522
Washington	1,565,810
West Virginia	1,339,320
Wisconsin	2,513,758
Wyoming	182,364
Outlying Territories and Possessions	
Alaska	64,873
Guam	(a) 12,866
Hawaii	217,660
Panama Canal Zone	(b) 131,048
Philippine Islands	8,879,999
Porto Rico	1,223,981
Samoa	(a) 74,262
Total United States	(c) 113,309,285
(a) Enumeration by governor, 1913.	
(b) Police census, 1916.	
(c) Includes 45,123 persons in military and naval service stationed abroad.	

**GEN. TREAT TO LOOK
OVER ROAD PROBLEMS**
One of the chief missions of Brig. Gen. Charles G. Treat, new commander at Schofield Barracks, who arrived from the mainland on the Sheridan Tuesday night, will be to look into the military road situation on Oahu, the general having been a member of the recent defense board at Washington.

Gen. Treat has announced that he can say nothing definite on his mission as yet, as the plans of the defense board were finished just before he left Washington, but he will make a complete survey of the plan immediately.

War college plans, according to word from Washington, not only include the construction of new roads, but specify the improvement and extension of all roads now on Oahu so that they can stand heavy hauling.

**HALEY HAVING GOOD
VACATION IN STATES**
John F. Haley, collector of internal revenue for this district, is having a good vacation on the mainland, judging from a letter received by Deputy Collector Ralph Johnstone, who is in charge of the local office during his absence.

Haley has returned from Reno to San Francisco and was to go on an automobile trip to Tia Juana and Southern California a few days after his letter was dated. The letter states that in Nevada he met Inspector L. M. Dolde of the revenue office, who was in Hawaii a few months ago.

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**LYONS AND ROSS NOT
DISCHARGED FOR
POLITICAL REASONS**
The Star-Bulletin prints a report alleged to have come from Maui to the effect that Ben Lyons and Manuel Ross, recent county employees, were discharged on account of their activities in the recent political campaign, working for the election of the Democratic candidates.

This is not so. Both Lyons and Ross were extra clerks, only temporarily engaged by the county on work connected with the primary and general elections. The work being completed there was nothing more for them to do, hence their services were no longer required.—Maui News.

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AERIAL TRAMWAY TO BE READY SOON

The five and a half mile tramway which the Mineral Products Company has been having built to bring ore from their manganese mines to the main line of the Patterson & Western, will be completed shortly unless bad weather intervenes. Barney & Sotiras, the contractors, have finished all the grading, and the products company will soon begin to lay the steel. A new camp is now being established at Mud Springs, known as Jones Station, which is the end of the main line. The last mile of steel was laid on the main line some time ago.

For some weeks the Patterson & Western has been working a ballast-laying gang, and all the tracks through the yards have now been put in first class shape. The line towards the hills has also been ballasted for about a mile. The gravel is taken from Del Puerto creek, where a spur track has been built and a loading chute constructed.

Some new ore bodies have been uncovered at the chrome mine, and it is stated that the new ore runs much higher in mineral than the old.—Patterson (Calif.) Irrigator.

DELICATESSEN JUST ARRIVED

Arrived by steamer Larline for Henry May & Co.'s delicatessen counter: Bratwurst, Polish Sausage, Blood Tongue Sausage, Knackwurst, Liver Loaf Sausage, Ashland Ham, Boiled Ham and big assortment of cheese.—Adv.

To prevent pedestrians being injured by automobiles leaving garages an automatic alarm has been invented that rings a bell and displays a danger signal as cars pass over parts of its mechanism.

WIDOW IS LEFT LONDON ESTATE

Mainland papers received in the last mail say that the will of the late Jack London was filed in San Francisco December 1, and that Mrs. Charnian London, widow, is left the bulk of the estate. In referring to her in the will London says that she is the only person in the world who is entitled to any claim on his fortune, because of the comfort, joy, happiness, love and assistance that she has afforded him.

London's will is remarkable in that by it he seeks to take from his first wife, Mrs. Bessie M. London, who lives at Oakland, control of their two daughters, Joan and Bess, students at the Oakland high school. In the will London "recommends that my daughters be personally housed, cared for and managed by my beloved wife, Charnian K. London, of whose fitness and whose goodness for this duty I am amply confident."

He bequeaths to the two daughters his life insurance, the amount not stated, and an allowance of \$25 monthly each to continue until their marriage or death.

To his first wife, Mrs. Bessie M. London, he leaves \$5 and the use until her death, or until such time as she shall remarry, of the house at 519 31st street, Oakland.

That his aged mother be suitably housed and allowed \$45 a month was a provision of the will. The allowance is to come from the estate. To his "Old Mammy" London leaves \$15 a month from the estate, also provided that she be comfortably housed.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shepard, the late writer's half sister, besides being named executor and manager of the estate at a salary of \$35 a month, was bequeathed \$2500.

Another unusual feature of the document is that, although London refers to it as his will, he asks that it be not probated.

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